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1. JUNE 11 PAKISTAN NEWSPAPERS FRONTPAGE THE JUNE 10 DEBATE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ISSUE. THE SPEECHES OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING US "PRESSURE" ON THE REPROCESSING QUESTION ARE COVERED SEPTEL.

2. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE JUNE 10 NEGOTIATING MEETING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PNA OPPOSITION HAD FAILED TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PTO SIDES. BOTH THE PNA SPOKESMAN, PRNKESOR GHAFOR AND THE PPP SPOKESMAN, KAUSAR NIAZI, DENIED THAT THE TALKS WERE DEADLOCKED AND SAID
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THEY WERE HOPEFUL OF FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE REMAINING PROBLEMS. ADDRESSING A CONGREGATION IN A LOCAL MOSQUE ON FRIDAY EVENING, PNA LEADER MUFTI MAHMUD SAID "THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR DISAPPOINTMENT" ABOUT THE TALKS.

3. PRESS SPECULATION ON THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE

TWO SIDES FOCUSED ON THE PNA ROLE IN AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THE MODALITIES OF A FRESH ELECTION. ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR GHAFOR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED SOME ADDITIONAL DETENUS AND MORE WOULD BE RELEASED IN THE FUTURE. BOTH HE AND KAUSAR NIAZI AGREED THAT A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF DETENUS WAS RELATED TO THE "PACKAGE DEAL" BEING DISCUSSED BY THE NEGOTIATPDG TEAMS.

4. AFTER A BREAK ON JUNE 11, WHEN THE BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12. THE URDU DAILY, NAWA-I-WAQT, QUOTES KAUSAR NIAZI AS SAYING THAT AN AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED DURING THAT SESSION.

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